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## **Providence man admits to South Kingstown bank robbery**

**Jason Kendrick**, of Providence, has pleaded guilty to a federal bank robbery charge, admitting that he robbed a teller at a Fleet Bank branch in South Kingstown on March 1. Police arrested Kendrick in Providence four days later.

United States Attorney Robert C. Corrente announced the guilty plea, which Kendrick entered yesterday before U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith in U.S. District Court, Providence. Kendrick, 32, of Admiral Street, is detained at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions pending sentencing, which is scheduled for October 29.

At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen G. Dambruch said that, had the case gone to trial, the government would have proven that, on March 1, Kendrick entered the Fleet Bank at 4 Tower Hill Road, South Kingstown, and handed a teller a note demanding money. In the note, Kendrick claimed he had a "granade" (sic) and threatened to "detinate the granade" (sic) if the teller did not hand him money. The teller handed Kendrick about \$2,500.

Kendrick left the bank and walked to a nearby restaurant, where he met a friend and drank a beer. He and his friend then took a cab to Providence, paying the driver \$100 in cash for the ride.

Providence Police arrested Kendrick on March 5. He later admitted to South Kingstown Police that he had committed the robbery.

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The statutory maximum penalty for bank robbery is 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. Kendrick's sentence will be determined on the basis of guidelines that rely on such factors as the specific nature of an offense and a defendant's criminal background, if any.

**South Kingstown Police, Providence Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dambruch is prosecuting it.

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